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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/798,125	KIRKER ET AL.	
	Examiner David A. Reifsnyder	Art Unit 1723	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to communication filed on March 11, 2005 and March 24, 2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12.
3. The drawings filed on 11 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/11/05; 3/24/05
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The main reason for the allowance of claims 1-12 is the instantly claimed method of removing more dense material from a fluid medium, comprising: forming a centrifuge core with at least one receptacle having an opening and a flow path extending therethrough; forming a centrifuge with the centrifuge core disposed within an outer non-rotating collecting sleeve; rotating the centrifuge core around an axis of rotation to create centrifugal force to separate the more dense material from a fluid medium by directing the more dense material through the opening into a void area formed by the receptacle and through the flow path to a collection zone between the centrifuge core and the non-rotating sleeve; and creating an excitation force within the centrifuge such that the excitation force imparts a vibration on the more dense material.

Regarding claims 1-12; Komline discloses a method of removing more dense material from a fluid medium, comprising: forming a centrifuge core (10) with at least one receptacle (10a) having an opening and a flow path extending therethrough; forming a centrifuge with the centrifuge core (10) disposed within an outer non-rotating collecting sleeve (13); rotating the centrifuge core (10) around an axis of rotation to create centrifugal force to separate the more dense material from a fluid medium by directing the more dense material through the opening into a void area formed by the receptacle (10a) and through the flow path to a collection zone between the centrifuge core and the non-rotating sleeve.

Regarding claims 1-12; Komline fails to disclose or fairly suggest the step of creating an excitation force within the centrifuge such that the excitation force imparts a vibration on the more dense material.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A. Reifsnyder whose telephone number is (571) 272-1145. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wanda M. Walker can be reached on (571) 272-1151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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